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APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
PREVENTING THE FORMATION
OF METAL TARNISH

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This communication is in response to an initial Office Action mailed on November 7, 2001,
concerning the above-identified application.

In the Claims:

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Please cancel claims 1, 5-7 and 11-16.

Please add new claims 17-20, as follows:

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1. (new) An apparatus for substantially preventing tarnish from forming on a metal object,
said apparatus comprising an enclosure for substantially sealing within said metal object,
said enclosure having at least one adsorbent removably attached to an interior surface of
said enclosure, wherein said adsorbent is disposed between two porous protective layers
of fabric or cloth, and wherein at least one of said adsorbent is selected from the group
consisting of woven, non-woven, and knitted activated carbon cloth and fabric; woven

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